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Eradication of poverty and other development issues

Report of the Second Committee*

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-third session the item entitled:

"Eradication of poverty and other development issues:

"(a) Implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017);

"(b) Industrial development cooperation"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on the item at its 14th, 15th and 16th meetings, on 22 and 23 October 2008. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/63/SR.14-16). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 6th meetings, from 6 to 8 October (see A/C.2/63/SR.6-8). An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item will be provided in the addenda to the present report.

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

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Letter dated 8 July 2008 from the representative of Italy to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of four resolutions adopted by the 118th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (A/63/123)

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Letter dated 3 October 2008 from the representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the Secretary-General (A/63/464)

Letter dated 20 October 2008 from the representative of Azerbaijan to the Secretary-General (A/63/497-S/2008/668)

Item 53 (a)
Implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017)

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of microcredit and microfinance in the eradication of poverty (A/63/159)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017) (A/63/190)

Letter dated 6 October 2008 from the representative of Namibia to the Secretary-General (A/C.2/63/3)

Item 53 (b)
Industrial development cooperation

Note by the Secretary-General on industrial development cooperation (A/63/309)

Letter dated 6 October 2008 from the representative of Namibia to the Secretary-General (A/C.2/63/3)

4. At the 14th meeting, on 22 October, introductory statements were made by the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (under sub-item (b)) and the Acting Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (under sub-item (a)) (see A/C.2/63/SR.14).